15th March 1955]

Cheruthazham Aided Elementary School.

*1461 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copy of the resolution unanimously passed at a public meeting at Mandur, Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, on 4th February 1955 under the presidentship of Sri M. P. Narayanan requesting the Government to take steps to raise Cheruthazham Aided Elementary School into a Higher Elementary School; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The conversion of aided elementary schools to Higher elementary schools is a matter in which the management of the school should take the initiative. Any application for such conversion is considered by the Director of Public Instruction and the sanction is usually accorded provided the usual conditions laid down are satisfied.

Sir, I would request hon. Members to put questions after going through the rules. These are all formal, routine matters and a question on such matters is completely unnecessary."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Question is necessary. The Hon. the Minister can write to me about the rules which contain the information. Having admitted the question, I have got to place it on the agenda."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have only made a suggestion to hon. Members."

Gazetted Officers and Sub-Registrars in the Registration department.

* 1462 *Q.*—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted Officers directly recruited now in service in the Registration department; and

(*b*) the posts in other departments of Government open to Sub-Registrars for appointment by transfer.

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) ' Three '.

" (*b*) ' Nil.' "

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Formerly, the employees in the Registration department were eligible for promotion to posts in the Commercial Taxes department. It was so because the prospect of promotion in the Registration department was less than in any other department. May I know whether that practice has been totally given up, as we infer from the answer of the Hon. the Minister which is ' Nil '? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was a provision enabling them to get into the Commercial Taxes department. Thus provision was, however, discontiued in

1953 as the Government had to provide for the absorption of a large number of revenue subordinates who had to revert to lower categories on account of the introduction of the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know before the introduction of the scheme how many were promoted to posts in the Commercial Taxes department from this department? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I want notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" ஸப்-ரிஜிஸ்திரார் பதவிக்கு தேர்ந்தெடுக்கும்போது நேரடியாக எத்தனை சத விகிதத்தினர் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுகிறார்கள் ? குமஸ்தாக்களிலிருந்து எத்தனை சத விகிதத்தினர் பதவி உயர்வு மூலம் ஸப்-ரிஜிஸ்திரார்களாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" You mean District Registrars? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sub-Registrars."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have no information."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many cases are there of officers who joyfully entered service as Sub-Registrars in their early twenties and who retired sorrowfully as Sub-Registrars in their late fifties? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I want notice. But I may tell the hon. Member that there are only 31 District Registrars and the promotion of Sub-Registrars cannot be quickened as there are a large number of them."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN—" The benefit of Sub-Registrars becoming officers in the Commercial Taxes department was withdrawn in 1953 to enable revenue officials to get their proper promotions. Now two years have elapsed since then. Will the Government, therefore, reconsider the question and allow Sub-Registrars to become officers in the Commercial Taxes department? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I cannot say whether it will be possible for the Government to allow them to get into the Commercial Taxes department. However, the Government will review the position."

Rice Mills.

* 1463 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not here. Question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

DR. T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many rice mills are working in the Madras State; and

(*b*) the income derived from these mills by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are 6,083 rice mills working in the Madras State.